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Newsline Extra features time-sensitive information about State Library programs and current news of interest to the Missouri library community.

Senior friendly libraries workshop scheduled for September

RoseMary Honnold and Saralyn Mesaros, authors of *Serving Seniors: A How-to-Do-It Manual*, will present the 2004 Missouri State Library Senior Friendly Libraries workshops. Join us on September 15 at the Shelbina Carnegie Library or on September 17 at the Barton County Library in Lamar to explore new ideas for senior programs. The authors will share ideas from some of their most successful and exciting library and outreach programs. Watch *Newsline Extra* or the Missouri State Library continuing education Web page <http://www.sos.mo.gov/library/development/events.asp> in mid-August for more information.

Springfield-Greene offers facility planning workshop

The Springfield-Greene County Library District will host a two-day Libris DESIGN workshop for library staff and architects October 7–8, 2004. The workshop will be held at the Library Center, 4653 South Campbell, in Springfield. The workshop is funded through an LSTA Training and Professional Development grant from the State Library.

Libris DESIGN is a library facility planning information system, a downloadable, complex database that requires training to be properly used. Training covers not only effective use of the database, but also space planning concepts, phases of a building project, conducting a community needs assessment, cost estimating, and project budgeting. Software will be provided free to those who attend the workshop.

Attendance is limited, and SGCL recommends library directors test a free version of the software to determine if it would meet their needs. The free trial can be accessed at <http://www.librisdesign.org/30day trial.html> (system specifications are also available at the Libris DESIGN site).

To give as many libraries as possible an opportunity to attend the workshop, it may be necessary to limit the number attending from each location. Missouri architects are also invited to participate (as space allows) for a \$700 per person registration fee.

Lodging costs are available for Missouri library staff living outside a 120-mile radius of Springfield. Substitute staff costs at \$10 per hour are also offered through the grant, but meals are not provided.

Registration deadline is August 31. Contact Carol Grimes at (417) 874-8120, ext 213, or by e-mail at carolg@mail.sgcl.org, for more information.

Medical library conference coming to Kansas City

The Midcontinental Chapter of the Medical Library Association (MCMLA) will host its annual meeting September 28-October 2, 2004, in Kansas City. MCMLA includes seven states, and the Kansas City meeting will offer an excellent opportunity to network and learn from others, as it will draw registrants from across the region.

Scheduled speakers include Jonathon Eldredge on evidence-based librarianship, Michelynn McKnight on promoting the value of medical libraries, Dr. Stephen Barrett of Quack Watch.com on fraud in consumer health information, and Mary Copley from Matthews Medical Books on the state of publishing today.

Continuing Education sessions will cover the business side of medical librarianship, various administration issues, customer service, improvements in business and marketing tools, and Spanish language health information resources.

Different registration rates apply for MCMLA members and non-members, students, and for various levels of conference participation. Visit

<http://www.hslnkc.org/mcmla2004.htm> for more information.

Library research seminar offered in October

Join colleagues to share research and scholarship at the “Learning and Growing: Inquiry into Librarianship” seminar on October 14-16, 2004, in Kansas City, Missouri. The program has been set and registration is now open. Robert Darnton, professor of European history at Princeton University and an authority on the history of books and censorship, will serve as the plenary speaker. A wide variety of topics covering all aspects of librarianship are offered during concurrent sessions. Registration and program information is available at <http://libraryresearchseminar.org/>. Questions can be directed to Charles Seavey, at seaveyc@missouri.edu.

NEA offers grants for student literacy initiatives

Young people working to help others read can receive grant funds through the National Education Association. The “NEA Youth Leaders for Literacy” grant program offers 20 grants of \$500 each year to student-led literacy initiatives.

A joint program of NEA and Youth Service America (YSA), the program encourages and celebrates literacy service by America’s young people (ages 5-21) and honors them for doing reading-related activities that benefit others. Grant applications should propose youth leadership in developing and implementing a project that begins on NEA’s Read Across America Day in March and culminates on YSA’s National Youth Service Day in April.

Applications are due by October 22, 2004, and winners are announced in December. Anyone under 21 is eligible to apply, either individually or in groups. For more information, go to <http://www.nea.org/readacross/volunteer/youthleaders.html>.

ALA and NEH team for 'freedom' grants

The American Library Association (ALA) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) are now accepting applications for the We the People Bookshelf on "freedom" grant program. Part of the NEH's We the People initiative, the annual grant project awards sets of 15 classic books for young readers to 1,000 libraries across the country. Libraries interested in receiving the collection are required to develop and host a program to introduce the collection and its theme of freedom to students and/or patrons.

Guidelines and applications for Round One are available online at <http://www.ala.org/wethepeople> until October 20, 2004. Applications for Round Two will be accepted from December 16, 2004 to February 16, 2005.

National librarian award program seeking nominations

As part of its commitment to fostering literacy and community awareness, *The New York Times* has announced the fourth annual Times Librarian Award program. The national program recognizes those librarians whose exemplary performance and outstanding community service have made their libraries friendlier and more accessible institutions.

Twenty-seven public librarians from across the country will be honored, and eligible nominees include any librarian currently working in a public library in the U.S.

Winners will be announced in *The Times* in December and will each receive \$2,500 and a commemorative plaque. For more information or to download a nomination form, go to <http://www.nytc.com/community/librarianawards1.html>. Nominations are due by September 17, 2004.

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